



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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- ! A decline in demand, along with higher production and import levels, contributed to an increase in stocks last week. Total motor gasoline stocks increased 1.8 million barrels to end the week at 202.5 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 1.8 million barrels to 40.8 million barrels while stocks of other finished gasoline rose 3.5 million barrels to 114.7 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 46.4 million barrels, 0.2 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- ! Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 13.6 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 701 thousand barrels per day of which 222 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 262 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

### Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	04/07/00	04/14/00	04/21/00	04/28/00	04/30/99	04/07/00	04/14/00	04/21/00	04/28/00	04/30/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,089	1,065	1,182	<b>1,151</b>	1,174	587	618	719	<b>628</b>	659
Midwest (PADD II)	1,842	1,875	1,904	<b>1,979</b>	1,906	290	290	264	<b>282</b>	330
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,698	3,670	3,499	<b>3,454</b>	3,681	796	800	750	<b>636</b>	724
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	247	242	241	<b>264</b>	238	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,478	1,382	1,365	<b>1,365</b>	1,328	979	991	901	<b>905</b>	1,018
U.S. Total	8,355	8,235	8,192	<b>8,214</b>	8,327	2,652	2,699	2,634	<b>2,451</b>	2,731

### Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	04/07/00	04/14/00	04/21/00	04/28/00	04/28/99	04/07/00	04/14/00	04/21/00	04/28/00	04/28/99
East Coast (PADD I)	57.2	57.3	57.1	<b>59.2</b>	61.9	18.4	17.1	19.1	<b>18.9</b>	20.2
Midwest (PADD II)	49.8	49.6	47.9	<b>47.3</b>	54.6	1.5	1.3	1.6	<b>1.1</b>	1.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	59.3	57.4	58.4	<b>58.9</b>	64.7	9.6	10.8	10.3	<b>9.1</b>	10.7
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	7.4	7.5	7.6	<b>7.6</b>	6.5	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	29.9	30.1	29.7	<b>29.6</b>	28.4	11.4	12.3	11.6	<b>11.8</b>	11.4
U.S. Total	203.6	202.0	200.7	<b>202.5</b>	216.1	40.8	41.4	42.6	<b>40.8</b>	43.5

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## PRICES

- ! Contrary to last week's trend, crude oil spot prices cycled lower, based on reports showing crude oil stock builds and estimates of OPEC overproduction, then rebounded, in recognition of persistently low stocks and a tight supply/demand situation. In the New York Harbor, conventional gasoline stayed its upward course to end at 76.93 cents per gallon on May 1, 2000, 0.73 cent above a week ago. An ongoing problem in a gasoline unit at a refinery in southern California caused prices to spiral higher in the Los Angeles market.
- ! The average U.S. retail gasoline price turned in its sixth straight decline by closing at 142.0 cents per gallon on May 1, 2000 for a 10.9 cent-drop since the trend started. This week's average was 1.7 cent less than a week ago but 28.4 cents per gallon over a year ago. While the average in California was off by more than two cents a gallon, recent increases in spot gasoline prices indicate retail prices could be going up in the next few weeks.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	04/10/00	04/17/00	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/03/99	04/10/00	04/17/00	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/03/99
New York	65.79	72.82	76.20	<b>76.93</b>	52.83	74.64	79.05	82.41	<b>83.93</b>	54.90
Chicago	67.77	71.55	74.54	<b>77.05</b>	55.20	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	69.29	73.95	75.66	<b>79.18</b>	52.58	75.27	80.43	82.29	<b>85.68</b>	53.68
Los Angeles	75.50	77.50	84.00	<b>99.50</b>	53.00	78.50	80.50	87.00	<b>104.50</b>	60.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	04/10/00	04/17/00	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/03/99	04/10/00	04/17/00	04/24/00	05/01/00	05/03/99
East Coast (PADD I)	143.7	140.8	138.4	<b>137.1</b>	105.4	152.1	150.3	149.3	<b>148.3</b>	110.7
Midwest (PADD II)	139.8	135.7	136.5	<b>133.3</b>	108.9	145.0	140.9	146.8	<b>147.5</b>	112.4
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	142.7	140.0	138.5	<b>137.6</b>	105.4	146.0	144.2	141.2	<b>139.8</b>	103.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	154.9	153.2	151.6	<b>149.9</b>	121.3	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	165.0	163.2	161.9	<b>160.1</b>	135.6	174.6	172.1	169.1	<b>166.9</b>	153.8
U.S. Average	143.9	140.6	139.8	<b>137.7</b>	109.8	155.9	153.4	153.2	<b>152.2</b>	122.4

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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